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PERFORMANCES, WORKSHOPS, CRITIQUES AND MORE AT ANNUAL SONGWRITERS EVENT

Glendale, Ariz. — The Glendale Main Library will become a powerhouse of song and music during the 17th Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering event from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19.

The gathering is free and offers live musical performances on two stages throughout the day. Songwriters perform in front of audiences and their peers, gaining an opportunity to showcase their talents and entertain. Songwriters will also have the opportunity to receive song critiques and experience lectures and workshops from some of the best names in the songwriting business.

The free workshops and lectures are designed for songwriters and others interested in the business and include topics such as crafting songs, getting songs into film and television, music technology and using social media to market music. The event is a collaboration between the Glendale Main Library and the Arizona Songwriters Association.

People come from across the country to attend this annual gathering started as an event held by Phoenix at Encanto Park. It was moved in 2009 to the Glendale library after changes in Phoenix would have required it to be a fee-based event.

“I can't think of anywhere in the country where they have (an event) like this where it's totally free,” stated Jon Iger, president of the Arizona Songwriters Association (ASA). “You don't even have to be a member of any organization to come and enjoy the benefits of all the hard work the volunteers are doing to help songwriters learn and network. Everybody has a great time performing and listening and hanging out with each other, as well as rubbing elbows with music publishers, producers and other professionals.”

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The ASA's mission is to help songwriters learn more about writing songs and what to do with them once they're written. The association helps connect songwriters with other writers, musicians, singers, recording engineers, producers and others that are essential to the industry. Through contacts made at association events, songwriters achieved having songs placed in major television series and movies, with several having major label acts record their songs.

The Glendale Main Library is located at 5959 W. Brown St. Angie's Dog Haus will provide food and refreshments for sale during this event.

For more information, call 623-930-3573 or visit ASA at azsongwriters.com.

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